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PONTIFÍCIA UNIVERSIDADE CATÓLICA DO RIO GRANDE DO SUL

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COUNTERPART

1. Internationalization of the curriculum - Incorporation of international themes in postgraduate classes.

The adoption of the principles of comprehensive internationalization and internationalization at home will facilitate the development of actions that foster a successful process of internationalization of teaching at PUCRS at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The expected results are as follows: (1) Development of an internationalized curriculum and co-curriculum ensuring that all students be exposed to international perspectives and develop global competences. Learning outcomes must result from the specific topics and curricular and extracurricular skills in view of this perspective. In addition, it will be prioritized to offer courses and disciplines that use foreign languages in the context of each area, as well as those relying on the on-site or remote participation of international faculty. (2) Introduction of the strategic topics defined in the Institutional Project of Internationalization into PUCRS' Undergraduate and Graduate Programs. Conferences and classes that will be delivered by international researchers in the scope of the CAPES/PrInt Program and other cooperation programs will be filmed and made available to students in undergraduate and graduate programs. (3) Employment of strategies to the encouragement of incoming and outgoing academic mobility. Credit transfer rules for students on mobility programs will also be more flexible in order to encourage the construction of more customized curricula geared towards global trends in accordance with the University's teaching and development policy. Additionally, we intend to make every effort for the partner institution to make the credit transfer policies more flexible too, and this will ensure the culture of training without borders. (4) Internationalization activities at the extracurricular level for the promotion of teaching, such as: (a) increased promotion of the publications developed with faculty and international partners as well as international visits made to the university; (b) encouragement to the participation of international researchers co-advising Master's and PhD students; (c) encouragement to the use of open access online platforms in curricular activities as well as teaching tools available in the online library, thus bringing students closer to researchers and the topics published in a foreign language.

2. Production of international publicity material in other languages, including course websites.

The websites of PUCRS' Graduate Programs are also available in English and Spanish. This has strengthened the ties between international researchers and international students. Such websites contain the necessary information for the graduate programs' admission and selection process, lines of research, faculty, courses and additional information (e.g., academic forms, theses and dissertations). The websites of the Schools and Graduate Programs will have more detailed information about the programs' faculty, with special mention to the lines of research and competences of researchers in their research groups. The page devoted to researchers will give them more visibility and facilitate the contact between potential international partners. In addition to that, the Office of Communications and Marketing and the Office of International Cooperation already publish the latest news (in English) in the areas of Research and Graduate Studies on social media on PUCRS International. This initiative focuses on research projects, study missions and visitors at the University who are working on actions of internationalization. As for promoting these actions, the abovementioned offices are responsible for a magazine entitled PUCRS

Magazine, in English, which encapsulates the most relevant initiatives in teaching, research, extension and innovation that have been developed at the University. In addition to it, the Institutional Repository (available on: <http://repositorio.pucrs.br/dspace/>) has been keen to publish the scientific production of the programs' very significantly, with an average of 130,000 visits per month, 45,000 of which are made by permanent visitors. The repository is available in Portuguese, English and Spanish and is extremely important for the visibility of the academic production of the University at the international level. Lastly, the PUCRS Research Catalog is intended to present the University's research structures and the main projects being developed, with focus on research carried out with international partners. This is a bilingual publication (Portuguese / English) and is organized in major articles around the priority themes for the internationalization of the University.

3. Training and qualification of staff for institutional internationalization.

PUCRS has offered English language programs for the departments that are directly involved with internationalization, such as the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies. As well as this, LEXIS: PUCRS' Language Center offers a variety of additional language programs (German, Spanish, French, Hebrew, English, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese as an Additional Language and Russian) for the University's internal and external community at a reasonable price or at no charge to the University's staff members and alumni. The programs that are offered seek to promote the university community's linguistic and cultural development with an eye to the principle of internationalization as stated in PUCRS' Strategic Plan. LEXIS, which is accountable to the School of Humanities, relies on the expertise of highly qualified faculty - both Brazilian and foreign - recruited by the Center's coordinators.

In line with this perspective of internationalization, the University also offers the English Pills, a series of weekly get-togethers designed for the University's staff members to practice English at PUCRS Recreation Center. This initiative has been conceived by the Personnel Management in partnership with the Office of International Cooperation.

Lastly, the University's Main Library promotes training programs and guided tours to its several audiences. These training activities serve for the staff to make better use of the Library, of its resources of information and formatting and style guides, and the use of international databases, which has a very important impact, especially for the administrative departments that deal with research and graduate studies. Similarly, the university is keen to encourage its academic community to attend international project management lectures and webinars promoted by the European Community and international agencies for training in international project management. Among such projects are the Erasmus +, which has made it possible for staff to go on missions overseas. As an example, officers of the Office of International Cooperation have been on missions to several international offices in Europe.

4. Counterparts offered by foreign partnership institutions, when applicable.

PUCRS has entered into agreements with international institutions employing the principle of reciprocity when it comes to academic mobility. Besides, among the benefits offered by the international institutions are the exemption of academic tuition for students doing a Sandwich Doctorate or may also become visiting scholars. These institutions also provide students with access to physical infrastructure and materials for them to complete their plan of work. As for study missions abroad, the international Universities will provide the facilities for researchers to work and access to infrastructure for them to do their activities. Depending on the agreement, the partner institution may assume room and board and other traveling expenses by the student or faculty. In some cases, the partner institution will provide assistance to students in order to find accommodation, and provide consultancy work for the development of projects. PUCRS has exchanged practices and training in running international projects with some institutions it has a long history of cooperation. These exchanges are beneficial to the training of project management teams of our University.

5. Other counterparts, when applicable.

Obtaining resources from international collaboration projects from other national or international development agencies may contribute to the development of this Project. In addition, obtaining resources through partnerships with global companies in the context of the University-Tecnopuc interaction will bring direct benefits to the execution of this Project within the priority themes, since they enable the generation of relevant results and impact on society. As part of the actions in return involving international institutions we can mention that, for the development of some international projects, material transfer between the institutions may apply, which will be duly registered and officiated in view of the parties' intellectual property rights, as well as the diplomatic conducts according to the international existing laws. In addition to that, in case biological material is involved in the transfer, will be followed the requirements of the new Brazilian law on the access to the National Genetic Heritage (PGN) and on the Associated Traditional Knowledge (CTA), known as Biodiversity Act, Act No. 13,123/15, which was sanctioned by Regulatory Decree No. 8,772/16. Hence, the department responsible for the transfer of intellectual property of the Office of the Counsel and the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies' Project Coordination Division will be in charge of working on the documentation for this type of transaction involving the transfer of material from the International Universities. It is worth mentioning that the University's expertise concerning the sharing of materials with several institutions abroad has been recognized, especially when it comes to the activities of the Science and Technology Museum of PUCRS, which facilitates the process of negotiation and expansion of outcomes of international partners.



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